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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE BUSINESSMAN APPROACHED TO SERVICE SOVIET
FISHING FLEET

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1. DON MANOLO ELIZALED CAME TO SEE ME EVENING MAY 26 TO REPORT CONVERSATION HE HAD HAD PREVIOUS WEEK WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS CONCERNING TABACALERA PROPOSAL TO SET UP CHANDLING FACILITY FOR SOVIET FISHING TRAWLERS IN THE PHILIPPINES. ELIZALED REMINDED MARCOS THAT LATTER HAD PROMISED HIM HIS VIEWS ON PROPOSAL PRIOR TO JUNE VISIT TO MOSCOW BY TABACALERA OFFICIALS.

2. ELIZALDE SAID MARCOS ADVISED HIM TO DROP THE PROJECT "BECAUSE THE AMERICANS AND CHINESE WOULD BOTH MISUNDERSTAND IT." HE REPORTEDLY WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE EXPECTED SOVIETS WOULD NOW PREFER TO ESTABLISH THEIR FACILITY AT CAM RANH BAY IN SOUTH VIET-NAM SO THAT THEY COULD GRADUALLY MAKE IT INTO A NAVAL BASE.

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3. ELIZALDE SAYS HE HAS WRITTEN TABACALERA THAT PROPOSAL
NOT " CURRENTLY" FEASIBLE. HOWEVER, HE DOUBTS IT WILL
EVER MATERIALIZE IN PHILIPPINES AND SHARES MARCOS VIEW
THAT CAM RANH BAY MUST HAVE ATTRACTIONS TO MOSCOW.
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